(c) if so, the steps proposed to constitute such an advisory body for aviation.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir. At present there is no such proposal.

(b) and (c) The private aviation sector is free to interact with the government either individually or collectively.

**Requests for increasing the Indian Airlines flights**

1648. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some requests have been received in 1996 to increase the number of Indian Airlines flights in different sectors of country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken on such requests?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines have received a large number of requests from different parts of the country to increase/introduce services during 1996. Within the resources available, Indian Airlines and Alliance Air together have been able to increase services on some routes while on some other routes it has not become possible due to crew/aircraft/airport/commercial constraints. A statement indicating the new services introduced/increased in 1996 is annexed.

**Statement**

*List of new services introduced/increased in 1996*

| Requests received during 1996 for increase in air services | Source | Action Taken by Indian Airlines/ Alliance Air |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Dclhi-Vadodara | Federation of Gujarat Industries | Services increased from 4 B737 weekly to daily |
| Dclhi-Nagpur-Raipur | M/s. Butibori Mfg. Association | Services increased from 6 B737 weekly to daily. |
| Delhi-Chandigarh | Shri C. Mishra | Services introduced on Delhi/Chandigarh/ Amritsar/Mumbai on 3 weekly basis by B737 |
| Madras-Tirupati-Hyderabad Hydcrabad-Vizag Hyderabad-Vijayawada | H'ble M.P./Ministry of Commerce | Services introduced Madras-Tirupati-Hydcrabad 2 wkly Hyderabad Vizag 2 wkly |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| Madras-Trichy | Tourist Office, Madras | Services introduced by 2 A320 wkly |
| Calcutta-Ahmedabad | Bengal National Chamber of Comm. & Industries | Introduced Mumbai/Ahmedabad/ Jaipur/Calcutta 3 A 320/wk. |

**Extension of the runway of airports of the country**

1649. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether work on extension of the runway of the airports of the country has been undertaken during 1995 and 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some of such works have since been completed;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the amount spent on each year as on 31st December, 1996; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CM. IBRAHJM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Extension of runway was undertaken during 1995 in Jaipur, Indore, Lilabari, Udaipur, Shimla, Calicut and Trivandrum airpoits at an estimated cost of Rs. 123.89 crores. In the year 1996, work on extension of runway was taken up at a cost of Rs. 24.38 crores at Jabalpur and Bhubaneshwar airports.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The work at Jaipur airport has been completed and the amount spent is Rs. 7.43 crores which includes cost of widening of taxitrack.

(c) The projects arc on schedule.

**Problem faced by private airlines in the country**

1650. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems being faced by the private airlines in the country;

(b) if so, the measures which Government propose to take to ameliorate the same;

(c) whether it is a fact that a seminar was recently organised in this regard;

(d) if so, the names of agencies/ organisations which took part in the seminar and the issues relating to the airlines industry which came up for discussion;

(e) what was the outcome of the discussions;

(f) whether any policy has been worked out; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Representations have been received from the domestic private airlines, from time to time, in which problems faced by them have been brought to our notice. All possible measures are taken from time to time, in this regard with a view to redress the difficulties within the given parameters.

(c) to (c) On 22nd February, 1997 a seminar on "Airline Industry in India —